

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE

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MEMO TO:

Members, Executive Committee of the Superior Court

MEMO FROM:

Hon. Douglas S. Lavine, Chair

Client Security Fund Committee

DATE:

July 26, 2018

SUBJECT:

Quarterly Report of the Client Security Fund Committee

April - June 2018

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-72(e), the following is a report of the activities of the Client Security Fund Committee for the second quarter of calendar year 2018:

I. Claims Filed

Thirty-one (31) claims for reimbursement were filed with the Client Security Fund Committee during the quarter, for an annual total as of the end of the quarter of sixty (60) claims. The dollar amount of claims filed during the quarter was \$2,176,356.62. The annual total of claims filed at the end of the quarter was \$2,410,758.01. The total number of claims pending before the committee as of the end of the quarter was one hundred and eighty-eight (188), with a total amount of claims pending of \$10,134,335.03.

II. Claims Approved

The Client Security Fund Committee approved reimbursement for thirty-three (33) claims during the quarter, and approved payments to those claimants in the amount of \$497,159.60. The committee also vacated two prior decisions denying claims and determined instead that the claims should be approved for payments of \$74,250.00 and \$3,000.00 respectively. The annual total of claims approved by the committee was sixty-nine (69) as of the end of the quarter, with a total amount of payments approved of \$2,616,559.55 inclusive of the claims previously denied but later approved for payment during the quarter.

The committee also denied seven (7) claims totaling \$80,700.00 during the quarter, for an annual total of thirty-two (32) claims denied in the amount of \$1,572,283.94.

III. Fund Activity

The client security fund received \$1,915,927.61 in collections during the quarter from individuals obligated to pay the client security fund fee pursuant to Section §2-70 of the Practice Book. The client security fund also received \$52,561.28 in interest on the fund, and \$6,574.06 in restitution from attorneys or former attorneys whose conduct resulted in payments from the fund.

After deductions for expenses, payments to claimants, and other charges against the fund, including \$70,000.00 paid to the lawyers' assistance program pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-73(f), the available cash balance in the fund as of the end of the quarter was \$15,196,782.74. A copy of the quarterly reconciliation of the client security fund prepared by the Judicial Branch Financial Services office is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Douglas S. Lavine, Chair Client Security Fund Committee

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Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018 Quarterly Account Summary April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Available Cash Balance as of 4/1/2018			\$ 13,897,003.1
Cash Receipts (4/1/2018 - 6/30/2018)			125
Fees Collected	\$	1,915,927.61	
Donations Received		0.00	
Restitution	\$	6,574.06	
Other Fund Revenue		0.00	
Interest Earned¹	\$	52,561.28	+1
Bank Service Charges ²	\$	(2,352.43)	
Bad Checks	\$	(3,815.09)	
Restricted Revenue Refunds	\$	(2,673.64)	
Total Cash Receipts			\$ 1,966,221.7
otal Cash Available			\$ 15,863,224.9
Cash Disbursements (4/1/2018 - 6/30/2018)			
Claims	\$	461,939.24	
Personal Services - Permanent Full Time	\$	60,748.16	
Longevity		0.00	
Accumulated Leave	\$	242.93	97
Fringe Benefits	\$	52,657.46	
Employee Allowances & Reportable Payments		0.00	
In-State Travel	\$	11.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$	183.91	
Other Settlements - Reportable	\$	448.22	
Management Consultant Services -			
(Lawyers' Assistance Program)	\$	70,000.00	
Fees and Permits	\$	323.00	
Online Information Services		0.00	
Postage	\$	18,618.81	
Translation & Interpretation		0.00	
Office Equipment Lease/Rental	\$	806.69	
Non-Controllable Software		0.00	
Telephone	\$	284.98	
Office Supplies	\$	177.79	
Non-Controllable Property		0.00	<u></u>
Total Cash Disbursements	-		\$ 666,442.
Available Cash Balance as of 6/30/2018			\$ 15,196,782.

¹Transfer from State Treasurer for Interest Earned (January - March 2018)

²Charge by State Treasurer for Lockbox Banking Fees (October - December 2017)